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THE DAILY BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

[FORT PECK RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS U.S. ATTORNEY MERCER AT FORUM](#)

By The Associated Press

FORT PECK - U.S. Attorney Bill Mercer will attend a community forum Monday on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation.

The event is sponsored by the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board. It aims to allow community members to voice their concerns about what they perceive as a lack of prosecutions in suspicious deaths.

The forum is at 6 p.m. at Fort Peck Community College.

[YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM HAS BEGUN AT CRYSTAL CREEK LODGE](#)

By John McGill, Glacier Reporter, (12/12/07)

"I got out of treatment in October and I'm trying to stay sober, but there's nothing to do in Browning but play basketball," said Nick DeRoche Friday, Dec. 7. DeRoche is the young leader of a new program called the Young Peoples Group. The program not only offers activities and a safe place to be, but there's free pizza every Saturday from 7-8 p.m. at the Crystal Creek Lodge.

[INTERESTED RESIDENTS INVITED TO DEC. 18 INFORMATIONAL WIND ENERGY MEETING](#)

Wednesday, December 12, 2007 10:05 AM MST

The Golden Triangle Pachyderm Club will be hosting an informational wind energy meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 18

at the Pondera Golf Course in Conrad. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. with dinner and the meeting to begin at 7 p.m. Speakers will be discussing wind energy and the transmission as how it pertains to Pondera, Toole, Glacier, and Teton counties and how these areas will be impacted by the Montana Alberta Tie Line.

[SUPPORT GROUPS FOR GRIEF RECOVERY OFFERED ON THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION](#)

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Planting Seeds of Hope Blackfeet, Blackfeet Community Health Representatives (CHRs) and the Self-Insurance Program would like to announce meetings in Browning to help individuals who are dealing with the grief caused by loss.

[ROUGH RIDER SOCIETY TO MEET ON DEC. 20](#)

The Rough Rider Society is set for a 6 p.m. meeting Thursday, Dec. 20, at the Glacier Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend planning for this year's powwow. For more information, call 338-2595 or 450-0760.

[THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL AT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR HAS POSTED A REPORT ON THE NATIONAL BISON RANGE IN MONTANA.](#)

Indianz.com (12/13/07)

The OIG investigated allegations made against top Interior officials and the Confederated Salish and

Kootenai Tribes. The tribe is handling some functions at the range under an annual funding agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

ADS ALLEGE COUNCIL WILL ALTER CSKT GOVERNMENT

By VINCE DEVLIN of the Missoulian

PABLO - It must be election time.

The anonymous advertisements in a local weekly claim the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Council plans to turn the tribes' government into a corporation that will turn its back on language and culture, and put profits first and services last.

"Nobody in our leadership could even imagine the origins of these rumors," CSKT spokesman Rob McDonald said Wednesday. "I guess as with any political election, there will be some people who try to take things and turn them into things that they are not."

JOB VACANCIES:

Check out this interesting link on workforce development <http://innovationandprosperity.pbwiki.com/>

ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST (Section 8 Program Manager); POSITION #: 66463; LOCATION: Helena; DIVISION: Housing; PAY BAND: 6; STATUS: Permanent, Full Time; JOB CODE: 131916; SUPPLEMENT: Yes; ANNUAL SALARY:\$37,144-\$46,429. (Depending on experience, continuous service and salaries of existing employees). Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted to a Montana Job Service Office or the Montana Department of Commerce, Personnel Office, PO Box 200501, Helena MT 59620-0501. Applications must be received or postmarked by the closing date of January 4, 2008. The Montana Department of Commerce will accept FAXED application materials and electronic application materials via E-mail to docapplicants@mt.gov.

THE PARENT / COMMUNITY PROGRAMS SUPPORT SPECIALIST will provide consultation, training, technical assistance and programmatic support for the Montana Parent Information and Resource Center (MT PIRC), a federally funded program, by serving as a liaison with state agency programs in Helena, MT such as Title I in the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) and GEAR UP in the Office of Commissioner of Higher Education. The Support Specialist will collaborate with state staff at OPI and their contracted employees in the School Support System (coaches and team members) to offer resources and onsite support for schools/districts in improvement or restructuring status, including assisting districts and schools to assess, plan and implement a strong community/school relationship - all based on the requirements of No Child Left Behind (NCLB), especially the law as it pertains to parent involvement.

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GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

FEDERAL-STATE MARKETING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

FSMIP provides matching funds on a competitive basis to State departments of agriculture, State agricultural experiment stations and other similar State agencies for applied research projects that address barriers, challenges, and opportunities in the marketing, transportation, and distribution of U.S. food and agricultural products. Proposals may deal with any stage of the marketing chain including direct, wholesale, and retail. Proposals may involve small, medium, or large-scale agricultural entities but should potentially benefit multiple producers or agribusinesses. Proprietary proposals that benefit one business or individual will not be considered. Proposals that address issues of importance at the State, regional or national level are appropriate as are unique proposals on a smaller scale that may serve as pilot projects or case studies useful as a model for others. Of particular interest are proposals that reflect a collaborative approach between the States, academia, the farm sector and other appropriate entities and stakeholders. Approximately 25 to 30 projects are funded annually. The average award is \$50,000. FSMIP funds may be awarded for a period of 1 to 2 years.

ASSETS FOR INDEPENDENCE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), will accept applications for grants to establish and administer Assets for Independence (AFI) projects. Grantees provide an array of supports and services to enable individuals and families with low incomes to become economically self-sufficient for the long-term. A primary feature of each AFI project is that project participants are given access to special matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDA), in which participants save earned income for the purchase of a home, for business capitalization, or to attend higher education or training. Applications will be screened and evaluated as indicated in this announcement. Unsuccessful applicants may submit new applications in any succeeding application cycle. This is a standing announcement. This announcement supersedes the standing announcement published in the Federal Register on February 2, 2005. It will be effective until cancelled or changed by the Director of OCS. Application due dates are January 15 and March 25 in 2008, 2009, and 2010.